

The regular meeting of the Lafayette Public Library Board of Control was called to order by President Andrew Duhon at 5:00 p.m. on February 21, 2011 in the Main Library Meeting Room. Board members present were Trista Badeaux, Bennett Bernard, Vanessa Hill, Molly Kallenberger and Kay Theunissen. Staff members present were Ms. Sona J. Dombourian, Library Director, Teresa Elbersen, Library Administrator, and Lisa Breaux, Director's Executive Secretary. Library Board members Jean Creamer and Mark Tullos were unable to attend. Guests present included Mr. Gary McGoffin.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Kay Theunissen moved to accept the minutes of the January 9, 2011 meeting. The motion was seconded by Trista Badeaux and all were in favor.

LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The director's report and financial report were distributed.

The use of e-books by library patrons continues to skyrocket. The library is continuing to add titles to the e-books collection including the Project Gutenberg ebooks available free for downloading with no library card required through the Overdrive site.

The Friends book sale is scheduled to start Tuesday, March 15 and go through Thursday, March 17. The Friends preview sale is scheduled for Monday evening, March 14.

The Library Foundation Awards luncheon has been scheduled for Friday, April 15 at the Lafayette City Club.

Ms. Dombourian reported that filling the staffing vacancies will be deferred until the staff is settled in the temporary locations.

CONSTRUCTION REPORTS

The construction report was distributed with the director's report.

EAST REGIONAL LIBRARY

A special library board and building committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 10 at 5 p.m. to review the East Regional Library schematic design. The library board will be asked to approve the schematic design and authorize the architect to move into the design development phase. Meetings with architect Denelle Wrightson will be held earlier on the same day to continue discussions on interiors.

MAIN LIBRARY RENOVATION

Teresa Elbersen reported on the status of the transition into the Jefferson Street Market. The LPCC trustees moved all of the packed books into the temporary Jefferson Street branch. The books have been unpacked and loaded onto shelving. Carpeting, painting and electrical work are being performed at the present time. The Internet and security system connections have been established. Review of the phone system service is in process. A meeting has been scheduled with the president of the Genealogy Society to brief them on the status of the genealogy collection.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS

ADJUDICATED PROPERTIES

LCG attorney Gary McGoffin reported on the Adjudicated Properties program. In 2002, a Local Services Agreement was approved by the library board authorizing the Library to participate in the Adjudicated Properties program. Adjudicated properties are those tax delinquent properties for which no bid was received at tax sale. The property may never be redeemed or yield tax revenue and will incur maintenance costs while depressing surrounding property values. There are eleven taxing bodies in the Parish of Lafayette, including the library, that participate in the program. The laws referenced in the 2002 Local Services Agreement no longer exist necessitating a revised Local Services Agreement. LCG facilitates the local services agreement, but does not have the authority to waive taxes. A new law passed in 2008 requires an enabling ordinance. The adjudication

ordinance for LCG designates LCG Community Development as administrator and requires approval of all taxing authorities on the local services agreement.

Kay Theunissen moved to authorize the library board president to sign the local services agreement on behalf of the Library. The motion was seconded by Bennett Bernard and all were in favor.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Louisiana Library Association Conference will be held on March 16-18, 2011 at the Lafayette Cajundome Convention Center. A trustee's reception will be held on Wednesday, March 16 at 6 p.m. at the University Art Museum. On Thursday, March 17, the public trustees luncheon, featuring guest speaker Leo Honeycutt, will be held at the Cajundome Convention Center. The book dinner will be held Thursday evening featuring guest author Nevada Barr.

The American Library Association Conference will be held on June 23-28, 2011 at the New Orleans Convention Center. Registration and housing are open for the conference. Registration is required before housing can be assigned.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were no comments from the public. The next library board meeting is scheduled for March 21, 2011 at 5 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sona J. Dombourian, Secretary